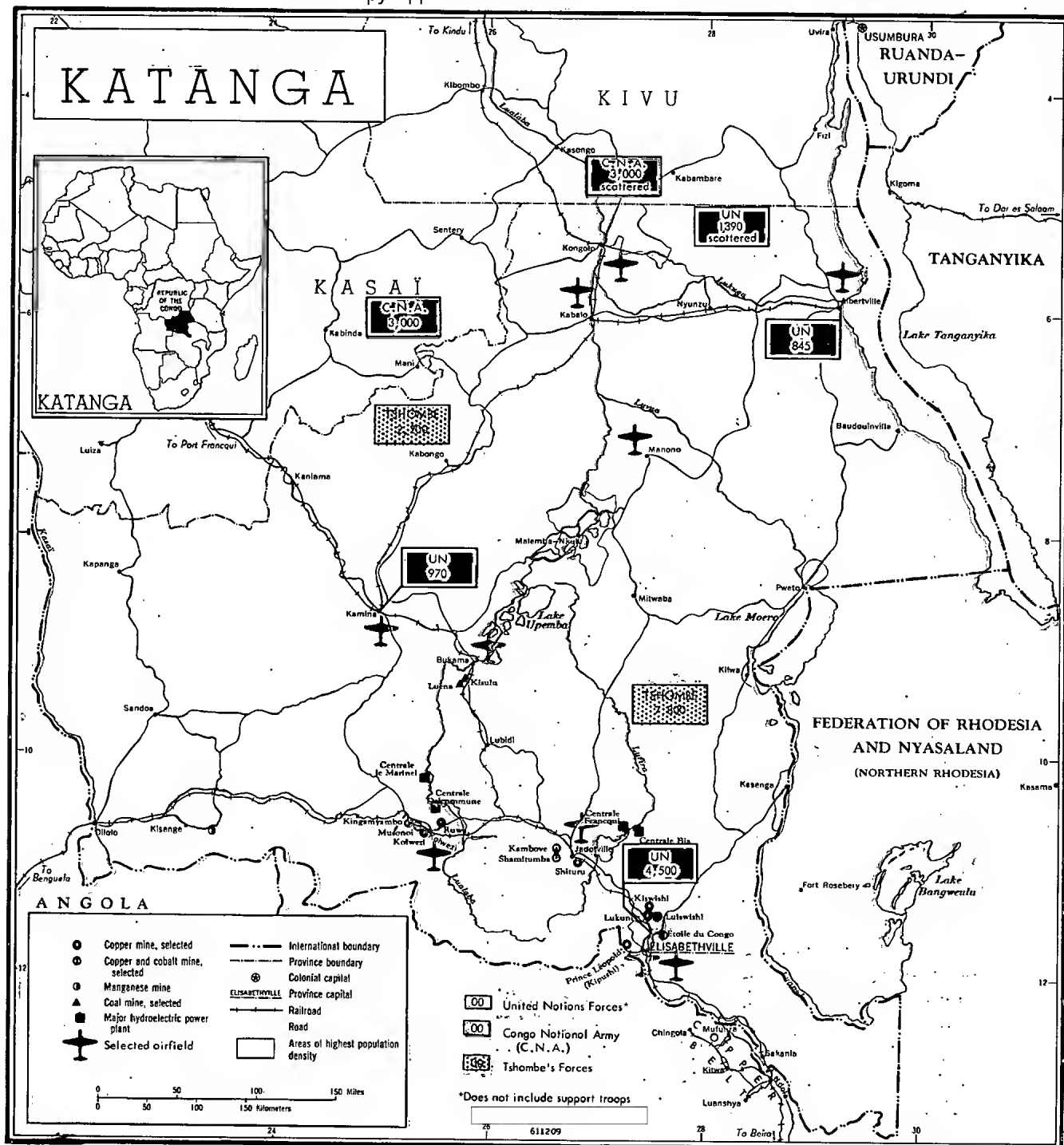


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Congo

A. The UN operation in Elizabethville has again bogged down. A line seems to be developing across the city, with the UN holding the airport and the suburbs nearest it and the Katangans holding the rest. The UN continues to bring in reinforcements, and is trying to isolate the city by air strikes on communications. Its garrison at Manono is also under attack.

B. The stalemate is strengthening extremists on both sides. Tshombé seems to have lost some of his power to Interior Minister Munongo, and may no longer be able to control his troops.

C. [redacted] all-out UN 50X1
military action may come as soon as reinforcements are in place, possibly within the next two days. [redacted] 50X1
UN commanders persist in under-estimating Katangan capacity and will to resist.

D. [redacted] some property 50X1
damage but no personnel hurt in yesterday's demonstration. Katangan opinion is now strongly anti-American.

2. Dominican Republic

Negotiations have foundered on General Rodriguez' refusal to accept the draft agreement worked out by Balaguer and the opposition. Hill believes Rodriguez simply does not believe he can trust any successor to Balaguer. The latter says he will step out if any candidate is put forward acceptable to both sides. Each side is publicly accusing the other of betrayal. The general strike will probably be resumed, and an attempt to settle the issue in the streets is quite possible.

3. Soviet diplomatic break with Albania

Moscow's move, likely to be imitated by the East European Satellites, puts the fence-sitting leaders of North Korea and North Vietnam on the spot. Khrushchev, considering Soviet power and prestige deeply involved, has now clearly warned the Chinese and other Communists of his willingness to use extreme measures to reassert Soviet leadership of the bloc. We have, however, no evidence of Soviet preparations for direct military intervention. So far there has been no reaction from Peiping.

**4. Indonesian push for
New Guinea**

Jones reports that the President's message was warmly received by Sukarno, who said he "would hold off a while longer, although he did not know how long he could restrain his people."

5. Berlin

The Soviet Commandant has asked for a meeting with General Watson today, we suspect to protest troop movements on the autobahn. The Communist press has worked itself up to a high pitch with charges that these troops are under NATO command and therefore not guaranteed free passage.

6. Communist plans in Venezuela

[redacted] the party's plans for sabotage of US and other foreign installations on 13-15 December, and for violent demonstrations on the 16th. The party's ability to carry out these plans has already been considerably reduced by police work in the last two weeks. As of yesterday afternoon the government had not yet arrested any extremist leaders [redacted]

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[redacted] No major developments reported from Bogota, where extensive security preparations are also going forward.

7. Goa

The situation is no worse. Indian statements, however, are sounding a slightly more ominous note. While denying India would initiate military action, Nehru and Menon stress the possibility of retaliation for Portuguese measures against activities by Goan nationalists. [redacted]

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NOTES

- A. Khrushchev made another speech to the WFTU yesterday; the Soviets have not yet made the text available.

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- C. Eric Williams of Trinidad has, as expected, denounced the West Indies Federation, and has called the US-UK-West Indies defense agreement "dead." We believe he will be willing for the US to keep the Chaguaramas base, however, in return for more aid.
- D. French-Tunisia talks in Rome are hung up on French refusal to discuss a date for final evacuation of the Bizerte base until the "world crisis has abated."

LATE ITEM

The Soviets launched what appears to have been a space vehicle, possibly an earth satellite, from Tyura Tam

We don't know if it contained a man.

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